



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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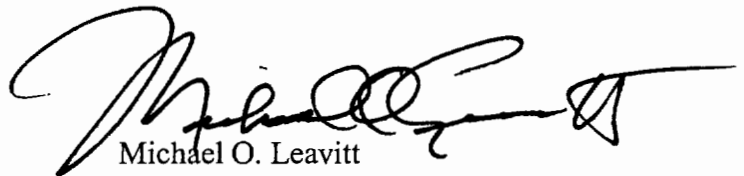
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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1314

Re: Waiver of Certain Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance  
Program Requirements

Dear Representative Hastert:

As required under Section 1135(d) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), I hereby notify you that, as a consequence of Hurricane Rita, on September 23, 2005 I executed the enclosed waiver of certain Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program requirements. I certify that these waivers and/or modifications are necessary to carry out the purposes of Section 1135 of the Act.



Michael O. Leavitt  
Secretary

Enclosure